

## Mississippi State Senate

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Reply Comments, Re: RM-11683, IB Docket No. 12-340

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

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As you consider reply comments on the ongoing LightSquared docket, I write to remind you of the 2012 passage of Senate Resolution 538, which called for increased access to broadband in Mississippi. We, the elected officials in Mississippi, remain optimistic that the FCC will find a solution that will allow LightSquared to deliver broadband access to every corner of Mississippi.

The proposed relicensing of LightSquared's spectrum to allow them to share with NOAA, seems to be the solution to address the nation's need for affordable wireless. Certainly, our rural state would tremendously benefit from the affordable access to mobile broadband that LightSquared has spent billions of dollars and nearly ten years developing.

The Commission has a duty to optimize the usefulness of the airwaves that it manages on behalf of the American people. I encourage you to grant LightSquared's application for spectrum reassignment, and bring lower prices and better service to consumers.

All the best.

Will Longwitz

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